



# 104th Troop Command

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## COMMEMORATING MEMORIAL DAY IN THE VING



Sen. Alicia Hansen, a member of the 29<sup>th</sup> legislature, Lt. Gov. Gregory R. Francis, lieutenant governor of the Virgin Islands, Col. Linda Cills, director of joint staff of the Virgin Islands National Guard, and other dignitaries stand at the Christiansted Waterfront for the throwing of the wreath during the Memorial Day ceremony. VING photo by Sgt. Thomas Tharrington II



Virgin Islands National Guard firing squad renders a rifle salute in memory of those who made a sacrifice during the Memorial Day commemoration at the Christiansted Waterfront, May 28. VING photo by Sgt. Thomas Tharrington II



Monroe Edwards, a former Virgin Islands National Guard member, and member of American Legion Post # 133, places a flag on the grave of a Korean War veteran. Members from American Legion visited the Christiansted Cemetery to commemorate the lives of the veterans interred there. VING photo by Sgt. Juanita Philip-Mathurin.

Two hundred and thirty-two years ago, our Nation's leaders established a rich heritage of great country and her citizens' continued honor, loyalty in this noble calling. Strong with a deep commitment and beliefs. On June 14, we commemorate America's and civilians – who are the strength that is truly Army. Our local communities for our Soldiers and families. The Strength of the



seven years ago, our Nation's Continental Army, successfully defending this land. Today, we celebrate the loyalty and bravery of our Soldiers. Our Soldiers remain Army men to our core values. Army's 237th birthday will be celebrated by Soldiers, families achieving a level of excellence. We also celebrate their steadfast support of us. We are "America's Army: Nation."





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## TROOPS MAINTAIN READINESS CENTER



Staff Sgt. Vanico Hedrington of the 1011th Engineering Detachment drills into the parking lot at the SFC Leonard B. Francis Readiness Center during Inactive Duty Training, Saturday, June 2.

VING photo by Sgt. Athneil Thomas



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **JUN 3— State Family Program Expo, LBF Readiness Center STT.**
- **JUN 10— King of the Grill Beach Barbecue Cook-off.** In honor of Fathers Day, Vincent Mason Coral Resort, contact Anselma John-Ayala for entry forms.
- **JUN 16—Financial Workshop 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**
- **JUN 21— Shadow Warriors Fun Day 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., Howard Wall Boy Scout Camp.** Meet and Greet WWE Superstar Kofi Kingston.
- **JUN 25-30— St. Croix Youth Leadership Camp, AUG 13-18— St. Thomas Youth Leadership Camp,** applications on intranet and at Family Program Office.
- **AUG 24-26— Guard Youth Team Building on St. Thomas.** First come, first serve! Applications available at unit or the Family Program Office. This event open to all VING youth, both islands.

**51st Public Affairs Detachment encourages everyone to participate in Family Program Office events**



The 652nd Engineering Platoon conducted a two-fold mission this IDT. Too cross train on various types of equipment and to clean the debris and shrubs in the vicinity of the main entry control point

## HAPPY RETIREMENT

The Joint Force Headquarters of the Virgin Islands National Guard retired four Soldiers during IDT. The Guardsmen were recognized and honored for a combined 114 years of military service.

Lt. Col. Beresford Edwards  
36 years of service.

Lt. Col. Elwyn Browne  
24 years of service.

Maj. Schelley M. Amey  
24 years of service.

Staff Sgt. Agnes R. Lindsay  
30 years of service.

